



The Municipal EcoLink

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The Municipal EcoLink is a monthly e-bulletin designed to inform you of the latest environmental ideas, trends, grants, rules and more from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). We respectfully request that the following is electronically distributed or otherwise made available to your municipal committees, councils and boards. Please feel free to post it on your municipal website as well. You may read past issues at [The Municipal EcoLink](#)

National Plug In Day Events

National Plug In Day will be celebrated on Saturday, October 5th in front of the State House in Concord from 8:30-1:00 pm during the Concord Farmer's Market. Electric cars like the Chevy Volt, Nissan Leaf, Mitsubishi I-MiEV and several plug in hybrids will be on display from local dealerships, along with charging stations, Segway's, electric bicycles, and a few surprises (word is there'll be some Teslas visiting)! Learn about the environmental benefits of electric cars, charging stations and inverters. The event is open and free to the public.

Can't make the 5th? Manchester will host a celebration on Saturday, September 28th at Livingston Park from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information about National Plug-In Day, visit: www.pluginamerica.org.

Change to Local Review Law

SB 124 (2013), signed by the Governor on July 24, modifies local planning statutes to preclude municipal planning boards, conservation commissions, or zoning boards of adjustment from requiring an applicant to submit an application to a state or federal regulatory entity prior to accepting a project for local review. Please see the [bill](#) (sections 270:2-270:4) for the specific language.

Clean Diesel Project Grants NOW AVAILABLE

NHDES announces the availability of federal Diesel Emission Reduction Grant (DERA) funds through the Air Resources Division. This is a continuation of the popular federal grant program that began in 2008. To date, NHDES has awarded over \$900,000 for projects ranging from idle reduction equipment retrofits to new vehicle purchases. For more information, click [here](#), or contact Felice.Janelle@des.nh.gov.

Continuing Education Workshops for Certified Solid Waste Operators and Municipal Officials

NHDES has scheduled free workshops for solid waste operators and municipal officials this fall. Attendees will receive a reference manual with Best Management Practices (BMP) and other pertinent information related to proper management of solid wastes, financial incentives for recycling, and developing business partnerships. To register for a BMP workshop, contact Nelson Ordway at 271-2925 or nelson.ordway@des.nh.gov.

BMP Workshop Schedule:

Date	Location	Morning (9-12 pm)	Afternoon (1-4 pm)	Evening (6-9 pm)
10/1/13	Pease Int'l Tradeport		X	
11/8/13	DES-Concord	X		
12/5/13	DES-Concord	X		

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Prevent pollution, accidental poisonings and drug abuse. Discard your unneeded household medicine at a local law enforcement office on October 26th from 10:00AM-2:00PM. Click [here](#) for more information and for collection locations throughout New Hampshire. The website also provides law enforcement agencies with information on how they can establish a collection site for this event.